



Maine Farmer.

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Our Home, our Country, and our Brother Man.

Getting used to Bee Stings.

It is said that bees don't mind being skinned "when they get used to it." According to the opinion of Rev. George Klein, the same principle holds good in being stung by bees. It is nothing when one gets used to it.

To those who are curious about the matter, however, we would say that we find in that very useful monthly, "The American Bee Journal," published in Philadelphia by A. M. Spangler, a communication from Mr. Klein in which he advances the doctrine that persons who are badly poisoned by the sting or habits in the works of Harris or Dr. Fitch, probably because there are so many other insects that obtrude themselves upon the notice of observers, that these common and very destructive crane flies or *Tipulidae*, have escaped notice or control.

In this, we have to recur to an old illustrated quarterly, of a Frenchman of the last century, for a clear idea of the history of these flies. The form of the perfect insect, which resembles almost exactly a mosquito without its bill, (that is, has a long slender body, supported by stiff legs, and long, rather feeble wings) which looks like a harmless insect; but its fondness for pastures and gardens, and its power of infestation, are the best proofs of its injuriousness.

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FARMER: AN AGRICULTURAL

AND FAMILY NEWSPAPER.

Latest Telegraphic News.

NO MORE TROOPS TO BE CALLED FOR.

30,000 Men Ordered into Virginia.

Confederate Troops on the Potowmack.

VESSEL CAPTURED BY A PRIVATEER.

FIGHT WITH THE REBELS!

Dispatch from Washington says it is understood that Gen. Mansfield will command the *corps de armes* to be ordered into Virginia from here. It will consist of 25,000 volunteers and 5000 regulars. 3000 of the volunteers are to be taken from the state of Harper's Ferry. The forces will be commanded by Brig. Gen. Bee.

Some dispatch says the President visited Great Falls to day 16 miles above the city, and crossed the bridge, passing secession pickets on Virginia side of the Potowmack, and returned same day.

It is understood that no more troops will be accepted by the Government for recruitment. All ready to be called have enlisted, and considerable time will be required to organize them.

Truman's Washington dispatch says, Ellsworth's Zouaves brought in a secession flag 17 feet long, which they had hauled down from a pole in Alexandria.

Detachment of 71st Regiment returned from cruising expedition down Potowmack river, without effect on either side. One thousand Minnie muskets were received there yesterday from Canada West.

BALTIMORE, May 20. Letter to *American* from Williamsport says 1000 Virginia and South Carolina troops from Harper's Ferry, took up their position Sunday, on Virginia side of the Potowmack opposite the town, commanding the ferry, but expected to be joined by 1000 more to day, with a full piece. Williamsport is seven miles from Harper's.

HAZARDON, Md., May 20. The Confederate troops have not crossed the Potowmack at Williamsport yet. They have tents, and very little if any provisions. The commander says he has no intention to cross.

The underwriters ask higher rates of insurance on British vessels in American ports, say 200 to 300 per cent. New Orleans, Mobile, and Federal troops. He overtook the baggage, supply and ammunition trains, which were seized with some horses and mules. Montgomery evacuated Fort Washpito, and was waiting at Fort Arbuckle.

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Poetry.

THE OLD COUPLE.

It stands in a sunny meadow,
The house so gay and brown,
With the red geraniums, chrysanthemums,
And the gray roof sloping down.

The trees fold their green arms around it,
The trees, a century old,
And the sunbeams through them,
And the sunbeams drop their shade.

The cowslips spring in the marshes,
And the roses bloom on the hills;
And the birds sing in the bushes,
The birds go feeling at will.

The children have gone and left them,
They sit in the sun alone;
And the birds sing in the bushes,
As she harks to the willows lone.

That won her heart in her girlhood,
That has adorned her in many a care,
And the birds sing in the bushes,
Her old face used to wear.

She thinks again of her bridal—
How dressed in her robe of white,
She sat in the early light.

Oh, the morning is easy over,
But the rose from her cheek is dead;
And the birds sing in the bushes,
But it falls on a silvered lead.

And the birthdreams, once vanished,
Come back in her Winter time;
The bird song is still the same,
With the thrill of spring-time's prime.

And looking forth from the window,
She thinks how the trees have grown;
She thinks how the birds have grown,
She crossed the old doorsteps.

They sat in peace in the sunshine,
Till the day was almost done;

And the birds sing in the bushes,
Seals the old doorsteps.

He folded their hands together—
He touched their eyelids with balm;

And the birds sing in the bushes,

Like the close of a solemn psalm.

Like a bridal pair they traversed,
The unseen, mystic road;

That leads to the gates of death,

“With the hand and make it God.”

Perhaps in that minute crowd—
They will give her youth back;

And the birds sing in the bushes,

With the birds sing in the bushes,